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OFFICIAL NOTICES AND WANTS

The Annual Meeting held at the society's offices last August was a very interesting and inspiring event. We had with us several new faces, and it was good to meet and get acquainted with some of our members whom we had never had the privilege of meeting. Some of those who have met with us in the past were greatly missed—both in person and in their counsel. Subjects discussed were principally: Codification of our Blair data; Indexing our Magazines; Raising a special fund to pay for indexing; Securing a wider range of Collateral Family Data; Obtaining certified family Documents and Records; Securing a more complete collection of BLAIR photographs, Creation of greater Society Fealty and Interest; Procuring a suitable Memorial to the BLAIRS who died in the Alamo; Speeding up Member Applications.

Each of the Officers are requested to send official messages from time to time to the membership. Each Member is invited to write messages and suggestions to the various officers. And if our members could select some of the addresses of our members from the lists published in earlier numbers, and start a correspondence upon BLAIR and society news and matters of interest, it would serve to awaken a much keener interest in our work. We would all benefit largely by this, and the society would soon be functioning with more effect.

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Did you notice that our society has members from twenty-eight states in this country? Isn't that a record to be proud of? Isn't it better than you thought would be possible when this society was projected?

OGDEN FAMILY HISTORY CENTER
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Ogden, Utah 84401

But we must not rest on our oars. Every member is a committee of one to persuade some relative that it is a real duty to the clan to join in and root for the society. Do your bit, and please do it now.

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We regret some errors which crept into Magazine No. 8, which seem to have been almost inexcusable, and yet, under the circumstances, unavoidable. We tried to advise all of you through the Bulletin of July 1929, of the nature of these errors.

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We have concluded to commence the codification of the BLAIR-MRS. MOORE data as soon as those who have subscribed will send in the money they have so kindly offered. You who have offered this help may now send your checks to the Treasurer, and the work will be pushed as far as the money lasts. Whatever can be done will be greatly worth while, and we believe will do nearly half of the task, if all who have offered will send in their money.

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The Editor is very anxious to have you send him any and all news items of the BLAIR lines, and as much as possible will be published in the Magazine from time to time.

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Don't forget to order your Christmas supply of our Official, Embossed stationery for your own use, or for the use of your member-friends.

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The annual meeting of the Society on August 13th, 1929, recommended the selection of a genealogist to be assistant to the Genealogical Secretary, and that Miss Mary Ellen Reed, Erie, Pa., R. F. D. No. 2, be named Genealogist, and all matters of genealogy be referred to her; in consideration of which she was elected a Life Member of the Society. Our members will, therefore, hereafter correspond with her concerning all matters of genealogy, genealogical trees and other ancestral matters. She will start the work of systematizing Mrs. Moore's notes, and we trust that our members will be patient with her until she can get her department somewhat organized and in working order.

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MEMBERSHIP LIST

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85. GEORGE WYCOFF CUMMINS, 202 Mansfield St., Belvidere, N. J. ..... Active
86. HENRY THEODORE BLAIR, 12 West 44th St., New York, N. Y. ..... Active
87. MARY ELLEN REED, Erie, Pa., R. F. D. No. 2 ..... Life
88. MRS. PEARL BLAIR WHITT, Winchester, Kentucky ..... Active

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BLAIR NEWS

"America has achieved a wider distribution of the good things of life than has ever been achieved by any nation on earth."—Hon. Arthur M. Hyde, U. S. Secretary of Agriculture.

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Mrs. Alice Blair Andrews has been in the Carolinas this summer with her sister, Mrs. R. C. Garner of Fort Smith, Ark., searching North Carolina genealogical and historical records, and visited Mrs. Wylie M. Rogers, in Raleigh, N. C. We wish Mrs. Andrews much success in her persistent search for records that will add to the data we have on hand. She is one of our most faithful workers.

Mrs. J. E. BLAIR, of Decatur, Alabama, was in attendance on the Alabama Educational Association last March in Birmingham, Alabama. She is Principal of the Westside schools of Decatur.

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ROSS BLAIR, formerly of Brownsville, Pa., a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, was accidentally drowned July 12, 1888. At the time of his death he was a member of the First M. E. Church of that place.—See Cumberland Presbyterian, Aug. 23, 1888, Aug. 23, 1888, p 8 for a notice.—Rev. J. H. B. Hall.

We learn of Mrs. R. L. BLAIR and a Miss FRANCES BLAIR, of Avondale, Birmingham, Alabama.

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FRANK P. BLAIR is a professional diver, lives in Chicago, and about the middle of August, 1929, dove into Lake Michigan and brought up with him the counterfeit seals of the University of Chicago, and of the Northwestern University. These seals are alleged to have been used by a group of men engaged in using forged medical degrees and Illinois Medical Licenses. The forgers confessed to throwing their spurious engraving plates into the Chicago Drainage Canal, and Diver BLAIR has been sent there to search for them in the mud at the bottom of the canal. It was he who went down in his diving suit in a lagoon in Jackson Park, Chicago, and found the typewriter which helped to convict the murderers, Leopold and Loeb, in 1924. Who will furnish our society with the ancestry of this BLAIR?—From p. 44 of Aug. 19, 1929 TIME.

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Virginia Cooper, born in Jefferson County, Texas in September, 1862, removed to Greenville, Texas, in 1874, united with the Baptist Church in 1875, and was married to JOHN WATSON BLAIR in 1878. JOHN WATSON BLAIR is the son of JAMES HARVEY BLAIR, grand-son of WILLIAM BLAIR, g. grand-son of JAMES BLAIR, g. g. grand-son of WILLIAM BLAIR. Virginia Cooper BLAIR died at Malvern, Ark., February 19, 1929, of double-pneumonia. She is survived by two sons: GEORGE HARVEY BLAIR of Malvern, Ark., and FRANK O. BLAIR of Oklahoma, as well as by three daughters, Mrs. Ollie May Smith of Malvern, Ark., Mrs. William James of Malvern, Ark., and Mrs. Rosa Davis of Vernon, Texas. Her husband, JOHN WATSON BLAIR also survives her, and lives at Malvern, Ark., r. f. d. 3.—Mrs. Harvey Allen Blair.

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THE BLAIR REUNION of the Erie County, Pa., Blairs, descendants of JAMES BLAIR and Mary Wallace, he of York County, Pa., she of South-western Pennsylvania, convened at Waterworks Park, on Presque Isle Peninsula, Erie, Pa., last August. Hon. Fred W. BLAIR, of Girard, our vice-president, was the chairman; and a general good time was had. Letters were read, old friendships renewed, and plans laid for the future. It was decided that an effort be made to compile a list of the various BLAIR burials of the family, with the various cemeteries and epitaphs involved, for the benefit of our descendants and the records of the families.

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We copy from a copy of the "Erie Gazette," of Erie Pa., dated Thursday, September 30, 1824, the following advertisement:

"CABINET MAKING. The subscribers respectfully inform their friends and the public, that they have entered into a partnership in the Cabinet Making Business, and they will constantly keep on hand all kinds of FURNITURE; and furniture made to order on the shortest notice, and on reasonable terms.

George W. Gallauger, JAMES BLAIR. Erie, June 24, 1824."

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Our sympathy goes out to our member, Mrs. Motley, on the occasion of the death of her husband, T. F. Motley, at Barrister Mills, near Danville, N. C., last spring. He suffered from influenza which developed into pneumonia. He was the son of John W. Motley and Nancy F..... and was born near Motley, August 20, 1855. In his early years he moved to Cedar Grove in the eastern part of that county; in 1897 he married Miss MYRTLE BLAIR; in 1907 he moved to his late home at Motley, or Barrister Mills. He was probably one of the most wealthy land-owners in the county. He was said not to really be able to state how much land he did own.

He had many smaller farms tenanted by both white and colored families, and every one regarded him with great love and affection for his kindly acts and sympathetic helpfulness. On Saturday following his death about one hundred and fifty negro farmers with their wives filed silently by the casket to pay their last tribute to Mr. Motley.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. MYRTLE (BLAIR) Motley, and six children: Thomas F. Motley, jr., Blair Motley of Shockee, Mrs. Frank M. Ferrell, of Greensboro, N. C., Nancy H. Motley, Latane Motley and Patsy Motley; one grandson, F. M. Ferrell, jr., of Greensboro, N. C.; a sister, Mrs. W. R. Fitzgerald, of Madison, N. C.; one brother, J. J. Motley, of Shockee; and one step-brother, Raleigh C. Thompson, of Danville.

Mr. Motley's ancestry is traced back to about 1600 when John Crawford, with a young son 18 years of age (the lad's mother having died at his birth), came to Virginia. In 1637 he was killed in Bacon's Rebellion.

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JOHN WESLEY BLAIR, sr., and Bolling Rice, two Confederate cavalry men, aged 91 and 85 respectively, died February 12, 1929, at 5:30 p. m.

Mr. BLAIR was in the command of Forrest, the other under Morgan. Both died together at Donelson, Tennessee. Mr. BLAIR was a grandson of "Scalped JOHNNY BLAIR," who was scalped by Indians in 1789, and who lived for 56 years after that experience. JOHN WESLEY BLAIR, sr., was the son of JOHN BLAIR, who was, of course, the son of "Scalped Johnny."

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Our active and good friend and Searcher, Mrs. ALICE BLAIR ANDREWS, reports the tragic death of her nephew, Robert Emmett Skinner, on September 19, 1929, at the age of 32, at Tulsa, Oklahoma. The aeroplane in which he was riding at an elevation of 1,000 feet, fell to the earth and crushed him under it, on September 13th. He never regained consciousness. He was the son of Nathaniel Skinner and EMMA BLAIR SKINNER, and a grandson of Major Nathaniel Skinner and Rosannah Cleveland, of Leesburg, Kentucky.

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Col. JAMES A. BLAIR, jr., of New York, was a sojourner at the Greenbriar, Sulphur Springs, W. Va., in September last.

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Captain WILLIAM A. BLAIR, of Rock Island, Ill., has been a river pilot for more than fifty years on the Mississippi, Ohio, Illinois, Cumberland, Tennessee, White and St. Croix Rivers. Commencing on a log raft in March 1878, he became successively a pilot, boat-owner, partner and stockholder in steam-ship companies, and now the author of a book of his experiences on the rivers on which he sailed.

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Dr. W. REID BLAIR is the Director of the New York Zoological Park, and has recently received from the mountains of New Guniea, at an altitude of more than 6,000 feet, some exceedingly rare Birds of Paradise, some of which are valued at $1,300 per pair, or something like $400 per pound. These birds are nearly extinct, and are really beyond price.

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We learn that FRANK P. BLAIR, the diver at Chicago, is of the Marine Salvage firm of BLAIR & Marin, 19 East Congress Street.

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Mrs. BLAIR, wife of ROBERT EDWARD BLAIR (who is a brother of Mrs. Alice BLAIR Andrews) of Fayetteville, Arkansas, is Regent of the Marion chapter of the D. A. R., which was very active and unusually helpful and efficient during the World War.

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Our members will like to know of the New England Historical Genealogical Society with its great genealogical library of 60,000 printed volumes, as many pamphlets, and a valuable collection of original manuscripts and records, and extensive compilation of family histories which have not yet been published. It owns and occupies a modern, commodious, fire proof building in Boston. The society was incorporated in 1854, and issues a quarterly magazine which is now in its eighty-second year.

The following is a mere clipping, but will be of interest:—

"I happened to meet a gentleman whom I had never met, but about whom I had heard so much more than a quarter of a century ago from an old partner in the mining business near Johnson City, Tenn; and meeting him recently I referred to JAMES BLAIR, and stated that he had dropped dead in Scotland. He then told me that when Mr. BLAIR started back to Europe, he said to him,' If you ever hear that JAMES BLAIR is dead, don't worry, for JAMES BLAIR will be with his God.' He was a man of infinite faith."—Which JAMES BLAIR was he?

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ALLAN GILMOUR 1822-1866

"The mere writing of the name of Allan Gilmour recalls more pleasant memories. I scarcely know what first to record. He was an elegant, polished, gentleman. Had you asked him where he was born, he would have placed his hand upon his heart and made a graceful, profcund bow, and replied,

"Auld Aye where ne'er
A town surpasses
For honest men
And bonnie lassies."

"The town of Beith, in Ayre Shire was really his birth place. He came to America trom Scotland in 1848 with his uncle, Hugh Kerr. The first year he spent in Henderson, Ky., but came to Owensboro in 1849 and took charge of the factory Mr. Kerr built here and ever after made that town his home; thoroughly indentifying himself with the place financially and politically; taking out naturalization papers and becoming a citizen of the United States, but he ever loved and was justly proud of his native land.... When a batchelor he lived in a little frame cottage across the street from the tobacco factory and Sukey, a negro cook, presided over the culinary department. He brought from Louisville, Ky., the first stove to burn coal that ever was in town.

"In 1865, June 7, he married my sister, SUE BLAIR. I was at Science Hill Academy in Shelbyville, Ky., when his marriage took place.....The marriage took place at my father's home on the corner of Fourth and Locust streets; Mr. H. H. Hopkins, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church officiated. The attendants were MARGARET BLAIR and Mr. James Clark, of Louisville.. Rose Campbell and Dick Soaper, of Henderson, Ky.; Betty Wallace, of Hopkinsville, Ky.; and John Funk, of Henderson; Jennie Conway and Douglas Tyler. My sister SUE made her own wedding dress, of which Mr. Gilmour was ever proud. Mr. Gilmour was nearly six feet tall, had small hands and feet; he turned gray early in life, and his white hair was very becoming to him, and he was really handsome. As he grew older, his bright blue eyes and genial smile made an interesting face underneath the frosty hair.

"In October, 1867, my father died. I cannot forget Mr. Gilmour's kindness during his illness. He was buried in the old cemetery on upper Fourth street, and several years later, when Elmwood was laid out, Mr. Gilmour had his remains removed, as also those of my two brothers, HARVEY and ROBERT, who had been laid in the old cemetery on the Henderson Road, which I have heard has been reserved as a park by the city. In February 1868, on the advice of Mr. Gilmour and uncle Sweeney, our home on Fourth Street was sold and my mother and I went to live with Mr. Gilmour and sister SUE; and sister MAGGIE made her home with uncle Sweeney until her marriage to Mr. Petit two years later. Never can I forget Mr. Gilmour's kindness to my mother, and if you read nothing else in this book to your children, please read this; and I trust it will truly show them I trust what manner of man he was. There was not more than a year's difference in his age and my mother's. She was frail and delicate and showed her age, whilst he never grew old in feeling or in personal appearance—though his hair was white early in life. He always treated her with greatest respect.....Mary Blair Woodford.

(Note:—The foregoing item was written by Mrs. Woodford in a little booklet for the children of Mr. and Mrs. John Gilmore, of Owensboro, Ky.—Ed.)

REV SAMUEL BLAIR and REV. JOHN BLAIR

"Join then Religion to thy store."—Selected.

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"Of the ancestry of the Rev. SAMUEL BLAIR and Rev. JOHN BLAIR, we know little, except that the history of the family is so interwoven with that of the Presbyterian Church, in Scotland, Ireland, and America, that to learn of the one we must read of the other. Since the days of the Sixteenth Century the "BLAIRS OF AYRESHIRE" have given the Church "Men of war fit for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and as swift as the foes upon the mountains."

"A BLAIR, the distinguished professor of Glasgow, driven thence by the incovications of the bigoted Cameron, met the Friars from Salamanca in successful disputation; a BLAIR conducted the famous sacramental service in 1630 at the Kirk of Shotts, and his sermons were instrumental in converting "those five hundred souls;" a BLAIR stood unshrinking before the High Commission Court which Wentworth had created, and said to the Earl of Sterling, "You fear Laud more than God;" a BLAIR gave inspiration to those heroic souls who embarked on the "Eagle Wing" for the New World on the 9th of September 1636; a BLAIR founded the noted theological school at Fagg's Manor, Pa., for the teaching of the Presbyterian clergy, from which sprang Princeton College, and he fitted for his great mission the Rev. Samuel Daviess, that distinguished apostle to Virginia; and a BLAIR, though only a faithful, earnest woman, a devoted wife and mother, cheered and upheld "the beloved Rice," that noble pioneer in his arduous work in establishing the Presbyterian Church in the wilderness of Kentucky.

"The following is a list of the ministers and elders of the BLAIR and Rice families of the blood, or connected by marriage:

"Rev. SAMUEL BLAIR of Fagg's Manor (1712-1752) was one of the founders of Princeton College.

"His son, Rev. SAMUEL BLAIR, D. D., (1741-1818) was Chaplain of the Continental Congress. MARGARET BLAIR married Elder George Duffield. Her son, George Duffield, was Chaplain of the Continental Congress, and was ancestor of Rev. George Duffield, Jr., and Rev. B. T. Duffield. Another daughter married Elder Robert Cummings, of Freehold, N. J., among her children was the gifted Alexander Cummings, of Tennessee.

"Rev. JOHN BLAIR, D. D., (brother of the first SAMUEL BLAIR) Professor and President-elect of Princeton College, was the father of Rev. JOHN DURBORROW BLAIR, D. D. His daughter, REBECCA, married the Rev. William Linn, and was the mother of JOHN BLAIR LINN; of this branch is Dr. L. Beecher Todd, Elder.

"ELIZABETH BLAIR married Rev. Robert Smith. Her son was Rev. Samuel Stanhope Smith, D. D. (L. D.), the seventh President of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton). He married Anna, daughter of Rev. John Witherspoon (who was a lineal descendant of John Knox), the sixth president of the College of New Jersey, and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Mary Clay Smith married Elder Joseph Breckenridge, was a brother of Rev. John Breckenridge, D. D. of Rev. Robt. J. Breckenridge, D. D., and of Rev. William Breckenridge, D. D. The latter married Frances C. Provost, grand-daughter of Samuel Stanhope Smith. Caroline Breckenridge (daughter of Joseph Cabell Breckenridge) married Rev. J. J. Bullock, D. D., Chaplain of the United States Senate, and her sister Frances married Rev. John Clark Young; her three daughters married eminent Presbyterian ministers; Mary married Rev. Gelon H. Rout; Caroline married Rev. Rutherford Douglas, jr., D. D. (whose son is Rev. Rutherford Douglas, jr.); Jane married Rev. E. H. Rutherford, D. D.

"Other sons of ELIZABETH BLAIR and Dr. Robert Smith were, Rev. Robt. F. Smith of Snow Hill, Md.; Rev. Wm. Ramsay Smith, and Rev. John Blair Smith, whose grand-daughter married Rev. John H. Brown.

"Of the daughters of Rev. SAMUEL BLAIR, SARAH married Rev. James Carmichael; HANNAH married Rev. Wm. Foster, of Upper Ontoria (?); and Mary

married Rev. David Rice, of Virginia, later the "Father of Presbyterianism in Kentucky." Of the latter's descendants, Frances Rice married Rev. James Mitchell. Her cousins-in-law were Rev. J. G. Shipperson, Rev. Francis Jones, and Rev. S. Y. Garrison. Betsy Rice married Elder James Maccoun, son of James Maccoun first Elder of First Church (now Providence) in Kentucky. Other members of the family were Elder James Harvey Rice, Elder Alexia Rice, Elder Benj. Rice, Susannah Rice married Joseph Atkin, and was the mother of Rev. Samuel David Atkin, Rev. John Edwin Atkin, and John Howe Atkin (who died while studying for the ministry.) Clara Atkin married Rev. John Neal; Chalia Rice married John Trotter, her son Rev. Wm. David Rice Trotter married the daughter of Rev. Peter Cartwright.

"Rev. Samuel Davies Rice was the father of Rev. Jas. Mitchell Rice; Nannie Rice married Elder W. H. Walthall; Rev. Alonzo Rice Cooke, D. D. married the daughter of Rev. Dr. Alfred Leyburn.

"In this line there are also Rev. Samuel Blair Rice and Elder Henry Crenshaw Rice. Sophia Rice married Rev. Joseph Cabell Harrison. Alexia Rice married the daughter of Rev. Wm. Graham, the first President of Liberty College (now Washington and Lee University), and had two daughters who married Cumberland Presbyterian Ministers. Other members of this branch were, Rev. Nathan L. Rice, D. D. LL. D., William G. Rice, John Rice, Rev. Thomas M. Rice, Rev. William B. Rice. Catherine Rice married Elder William Lacy. Her son was Rev. Drury Lacy, and her grandson was Rev. William Smith Lacy; Rev. Drury Lacy, jr., and Rev. B. T. Lacy.

"Agnes Lacy married first Dr. Henry Wilson. Her descendants were Rev. Joshua Lacy Wilson and Rev. Robert Wilson. Agnes married second, Elder John Templin, and was the mother of Rev. Terah Templin, one of the pioneer preachers in Kentucky. Her children were Rev. Moses Drury Hoge, D. D., of Richmond, Va., and Rev. William J. Hoge, who was pastor at Petersburg, Va., during the late war.

"Elder Benj. Rice of Bedford, married a sister of Rev. John White Holt. Another sister became the wife of Rev. Samuel Davis, D. D. His son, David of Tennessee, married first the sister of Rev. John Paxton, missionary to China, and second, a daughter of Rev. Samuel Doak (founder of Washington College, Tenn.), and his wife, the sister of Rev. John Montgomery.

"Rev. John Holt Rice, D. D., LL. D., (President of Union Theological Seminary at Hampden Sidney, Va.), married the daughter of Elder William Norton.

"Rev. Benj. Holt Rice married the daughter of Rev. Archibald Alexander, of Hampden-Sidney. His sons were Rev. John Holt Rice (afterwards of Mobile, Ala.), and Rev. Archibald A. Rice. Other members of this branch were Rev. Benj. Rice, Rev. Andrew Rice, Rev. Thomas Daviess Hudson Rice, Elder Isaac Hudson, Sr., Elder Isaac Hudson of Pulaski County, Va., Rev. Francis Bowman, D. D., Rev. John Rice Bowman, Rev. Francis Henry Bowman, Rev. John Blair Morton, and others studying for the ministry.

"This may not be all. Many lines are not carried down. But what an impressive array of talent and piety! To me it has been a source of joy and much thanksgiving that in tracing these family lines I have found so many faithful, devoted laborers in the Master's Vineyard. Surely we can claim as ours the peculiar mercies which belong to the Children of the Covenant, can rank ourselves among the children of the faithful, and plead the promise of such. Amen."—Mrs. Mary Rogers Clay, Louisville, Kentucky.

(Note: The foregoing is taken from a printed clipping from the Christian Observer, March 17, 1897, the property of Mr. Blair Petit, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.—Ed.)

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SOME NOVA SCOTIA BLAIRS

The Judge and a member of his Bar met on the street one day. Both were wags and delighted to badger each other. They were discussing the theory of Transmigration, and the Judge asked, "If you were to choose which you were to be translated into—a horse or an ass—what would be your answer?" Quick as a flash came the response, "An ass." The Judge, on expressing his astonishment at this ready reply was informed "I have often heard of an ass becoming a Judge; but never a horse."—Selected.

A large and splendid monument was erected about the year 1825 in the city of Londonderry (fondly referred to colloquially as "Derry"), in the North of Ireland, to the memory of brave men and apprentice boys who defended that city so manfully during the siege in the years 1688 and 1689. On this monument is engraved the name of Col. ROBERT BLAIR with a large number of others of the most brave. This ROBERT BLAIR belonged to the family of BLAIR of BLAIR from Athol in Scotland. His son, of the same name, Col. ROBERT BLAIR, came to North America with his regiment and brought with him his wife and family. They afterwards settled in Worcester, Mass., where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. BLAIR died there in 1774 aged 91 years; and his wife, Isabella, died in the year 1765 aged 82 years. They had seven sons MATTHEW, JAMES, JOSEPH, JOHN, DAVID, WILLIAM and FRANCIS. JOSEPH remained on the homestead at Worcester. He had one son, CHARLES, and five daughters. JOHN and DAVID settled at Warren and had families. Capt. ALFRED BLAIR of Warren is the great grandson of this Col. BLAIR. Dr. BLAIR, of Rome, is a grandson of Col. BLAIR.

Capt. WILLIAM BLAIR came first to Nova Scotia on military duty in 1758, to assist in subduing the French and taking Louisburg. He returned to New England and was relieved from military duty, but came again to Nova Scotia, bringing with him his wife and family in company with other first settlers who came to Truro in the spring of 1760. They settled on the farm in the interval of North River that was afterwards owned by his son JOHN, and he had his house near the place that his great grandson, WILLIAM BLAIR, now resides. A few years after they obtained a grant of the township of Onslow.

FRANCIS BLAIR, brother of WILLIAM, came with the first settlers of Onslow and was a Grantee of the township; and it is said that he, being discouraged with the hardships of settling a new country, sold out his Right of land in Onslow for the small sum of eight dollars and returned again to New England.

The grant of the Town of Onslow was made to Richard Upham and sixteen others for a certain number of shares or rights; to FRANCIS BLAIR and 30 others for certain rights or shares in all, 48 persons. This grant was for 50,000 acres, being the whole of the township of Onslow, was dated Feb. 21, 1769, and is signed by Lord William Campbell, then Governor of Nova Scotia. In laying off the land of this township so much surplus measure was given that it now contains about 80,000 acres.

Capt. WILLIAM BLAIR was born 1716; married Jane Barnes in N. E. about 1740, and died August 4, 1791. SUSAN, their eldest daughter, was born 1741, married June 10, 1763 Isaac Farrell. They returned to N. E. He was an officer on military duty and he fell at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

SARAH, the second daughter of Capt. WM. BLAIR, b. N. E. 1743, m. Dec. 8, 1763, Ephraim Howard. He settled near the North River Bridge and built the first mill erected in Onslow. This mill stood near James McNutt's shop. A mill was kept there until about 1812, when a freshet filled the race and pond with gravel and the mill was allowed to go down. Mr. Howard sold a considerable time before this and removed to St. Andrew's River, where he carried on milling the remainder of his life. They had one son and six daughters.

WILLIAM, the eldest son of Capt. WILLIAM BLAIR, b. N. E. 1750, and was brought by his parents to N. S. when 10 years old. He married Mary, daughter of James Downing and Janet Montgomery Nov. 26, 1772. He died March ..... 1841 aged 91; she died Nov. 1817 aged 67. Numerous family.

JANE, eldest daughter born at Onslow, March 30, 1773, married Archibald, son of Matthew Taylor and Elizabeth Archibald on May 4, 1797. One child died young. She died October 19, 1799.

ROBERT, eldest son of William Blair and Mary Downing, born at Onslow, November 23, 1801; learned shoemaking with his uncle EPHRAIM BLAIR; married January 24, 1827 Elizabeth daughter of John Wright and Sarah Lynds. In 1842 they removed to Illinois, U. S., where they are still living. Had 6 sons and 6 daughters.

EBENEZER, second son of ROBERT and Mary Hoar BLAIR was born at Onslow, June 6, 1802 and died ..... 1810.

DANIEL, third son of same born February 2, 1806, married October 12, 1830, Mary second daughter of John B. Archibald and Catherine Hoar his wife. Had 2 sons and 5 daughters. Mrs. Blair died October 12, 1862, and he married Catharine, widow of James Logan of Upper Stewiacke, October 24, 1871.

Mary Hoar, the first wife of ROBERT BLAIR, died November 1810; May 1, 1814 he married Elizabeth, daughter of Wm. Taylor and Margaret McCurdy, his wife.

JAMES, their eldest son born December 1, 1814, married July 7, 1835 Phoebe Ann daughter of William Lynds and Margaret McCollum his wife. They had 5 sons and 3 daughters. Removed to Tatamagouche about 1853; he and his sons ran stage coaches from Truro to Tatamagouche, and from Picyou to the River Philip, County of Cumberland.

DAVID, second son of ROBERT BLAIR and Elizabeth Taylor was born at Onslow, June 10, 1816, married June 3, 1857 Mary daughter of John Myers and Elizabeth Lynds of Wallace River. Three sons.

MARY, eldest daughter of ROBERT BLAIR and Elizabeth Taylor, born January 13, 1820, married November 1, 1839 William, son of William and Margaret Lynds. They had 4 sons and 3 daughters.

MARGARET, second daughter of ROBERT BLAIR and Elizabeth Taylor, born March 3, 1823. She removed to U. S. and married there ..... 1853 George Glaison.

ROBERT, third son of ROBERT BLAIR and Elizabeth Taylor, born March 3, 1823, married January 15, 1844, Jane, daughter of Wm. and Margaret Lynds. They had 2 sons and 4 daughters.

JOHN, fourth son of ROBERT BLAIR and Elizabeth Taylor, born September 15, 1825, married Mary Ann Welsh, of the State of Maine. They had a son born ..... died aged 17 and one daughter.

CHARLES, fifth son of ROBERT BLAIR and Elizabeth Taylor, born March 4th, 1828, removed to U. S., married there and had 3 sons.

HENRY, sixth son of ROBERT BLAIR and Elizabeth Taylor, born November 12, 1831, is now in the lunatic asylum.

ELIZABETH, third daughter of ROBERT BLAIR and Elizabeth Taylor, born January 13, 1835, married February 8, 1855 John son of David Murray and Mary Dickson his wife. They had 2 sons and 5 daughters.

ROBERT BLAIR, sr., died December 21, 1843, aged 69; his wife died November 4, 1855, aged 62.

JOHN, second son of WILLIAM BLAIR and Mary Downing, born February 8, 1778, married September 22, 1807 Isabella, only daughter of Samuel McNutt. He died January 30, 1831, she on September 11, 1846 aged 57. They had a family.

SAMUEL, their eldest son, was born at Onslow, September 20, 1808, married March ..... 1852 Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel McNutt and Ann McMullen his wife.

MARY, eldest daughter of JOHN BLAIR and Isabelle McNutt, born April 22, 1810, removed to the U. S. and there married a Mr. Brody.

WILLIAM, second son of JOHN BLAIR and Isabella McNutt, was born April 22, 1812, removed to the U. S. No data.

MYZEAN, second daughter of JOHN BLAIR and Isabella McNutt, born January 31, 1815, married June ..... 1844 David Carlisle, had 1 son and 6 daughters.

ELIZABETH, their third daughter, was born August 4, 1817, married July 25, 1848 Thomas, youngest son of Samuel Archibald, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife. They had other children.

WILLIAM third son of WILLIAM BLAIR and Mary Downing, was born at Onslow, August 1, 1779, married March 6, 1815 Sarah Campbell of Queens County, New Brunswick.

CATHARINE, second daughter of WILLIAM BLAIR and Mary Downing, born April 22, 1782, married May 30, 1803 John Staples. (See Staple's Data.)

The foregoing data is supplied by Mrs. E. B. Wall, one of our Searchers, from the Historical and Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of Colchester county, Nova Scotia, down to the present time. Chapter XIX, p. 167 Halifax. Thomas Miller, 1873. Thank you, Mrs. Wall.

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BLAIR WILLS

(Continued from page 117)

"What are the advantages of a long pedigree? What good is it, Ponticus, to be reckoned of ancient lineage and to display the painted faces of your ancestors?" —Juvenal.

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"In the name of God, Amen! I JOHN BLAIR of the city of Philadelphia, Merchant, being at present in good health and sound mind, memory and understanding, but considering the uncertainty of this transitory life, and more especially as I am now bound on a voyage to sea, do therefore for the prevention of any disputes which may happen in case of my death, make and ordain this, my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say: First, I do hereby order and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be fully paid and discharged within some convenient time after my decease by my Executors hereinafter named or the survivor of them And as to the rest and residue of my whole Estate, as well Real as Personal, I give and dispose of the same as follows, towit:—Item. I give, devise and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Margaret and such child as she may now be pregnant with, the whole of my personal estate of what nature, or kind soever to be equally divided between them, share and share alike, to Hold such respective share to them severally and to their several and respective Executors, Administrators and Assigns forever; but if my sd. wife should not be pregnant or have a child born alive, then and in such case, I do give, devise and bequeath unto my honored father, JAMES BLAIR, the one-half of all my personal estate which I designed for such child which my said wife might be pregnant with and born alive, To hold the said one half of all my personal Estate unto my said father, JAMES BLAIR, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns forever. Item: I give and Bequeath unto my said wife, Margaret, the yearly sum of 15 pounds in gold during the term of her natural life to be paid her by my Executors or by the survivor of them in full Barr of any claim which she shall or may have for her right of Dower to my farm or Plantation now in the possession of my father, JAMES BLAIR, and for the punctual payment thereof I do bind the said Farm and every part thereof with the Hereditaments and appurtenances.

Item: As to my said farm & plantation, I do give, devise and bequeath the same unto such children as my said wife Margaret is now pregnant with and shall be born alive, To hold the said farm or plantation to such child, his or her Administrators, Heirs and assigns forever, But in case my wife Margaret is not pregnant or shall not have a child born alive by me then and in such case I give, devise and bequeath unto my Father, the said JAMES BLAIR, the said farm or Plantation which he is now in possession of as afsd. To hold the farm or plantation to him, the sd. JAMES BLAIR, his heirs and assigns forever. And lastly, I do hereby nominate and apppoint my good friends, James Dunlap and William Gray of the City of Philadelphia, Merchants, and the survivor of them, Executors of this my Last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all former wills made by me. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th Day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and eighty one. JOHN BLAIR (L. S.)"

NOTE: Witnesses to the foregoing were: John Leary, John Stockholm, Jno. D. Creinshier. It was probated at Philadelphia, February 22, 1782, before John Gill Register, and registered in Will Book No. S. p. 78, (No. 80.)

NOTE: Philadelphia Administration Book G, p. 442 certifies as to a certain JOHN BLAIR estate as follows:

"Memorandum that letters of administration in common form were granted to ELIZABETH BLAIR, dec'd. Inventory to be exhibited on or before the 4th Day of June next and an account rendered on or before the 5th day of May 1766. Given under the seal of the Register General, Office at Philadelphia, the 4th Day of May, 1765." Wm. Plumstead, Reg. Gen."

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FAGG'S MANOR Burial Ground, Tombstone Record:

"Here lieth the body of the Rev. SAMUEL BLAIR, who departed this life the 5th day of July 1751 aged 39 years and 21 days."—"In yonder sacred house I spent my breath—Now silent, mouldering, here I lie in death. These lips shall wake again and yet declare A dread Amen to truths they published there."—From Mrs. Moore's notes.

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"Many folks who look up their family trees find they are of the nut bearing variety."—Selected.

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Will of Hugh Blair,

Surrey County, North Carolina

"In the Name of God, Amen. I, HUGH BLAIR, of Surrey County, being in my proper senses and sound in memory, do make this my last will and testament utterly revoking all other wills by me formerly made.

"Imprimis. I give my soul to Almighty God and my body to the Earth to be entered at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, in hopes that it will be raised at the last day in honour and glory; of what worldly goods it hath pleased God to help me with, I give and bequeath in the following manner.

"Imprimis. My lawful debtors first to be paid. Item, I give and bequeath to my son, JOHN BLAIR, thirty pounds. Item, I give and bequeath to my son HUGH BLAIR, fifty pounds. Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter, ELIZABETH McQuiston, my Bible and bed and other house furniture, and my loom and taklings. Item, and bequeath to my son in law John Cummins my still and the remaining part of my worldly estate. Item, it is my will that it be equally divided amongst my four daughters to-wit: JEAN Cummins, MARY Leeper, MATHEW Cunningham and ELIZABETH McQuiston, and I do make, Constitute and appoint my son in law John Cummins my Executor of this my last will and testament, likewise I bequeath my own clothing to my daughter JEAN Cummins to dispose of to whom she may please. Item, It is my will and desire that in case either of my foresaid Daughters should be left a widow that they should be entitled to their above-named Dowry as their own right and title to dispose of at their pleasure Whereunto I have set my hand this 9th day of May one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three. (Signed)

HUGH BLAIR (N) His Mark.

Witness presence:—Thomas Cummins, George Cummins.

North Carolina, Surry County, Aug. Term, 1783. Thomas Cummins and George Cummins, the witnesses to the last will and testament of HUGH BLAIR deceased, made oath that they saw the said HUGH BLAIR sign, Publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament and that he was of sound, disposing mind and memory, and that he did without compulsion and on motion it was ordered to be recorded. — Recorded accordingly by Jo Williams. C. C."

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DAVID BLAIR, aged 72, senior member of D. BLAIR & BROS., brick manufacturers, died yesterday at his home, 374 South Atlantic Avenue. He was born in Ireland, came to Pittsburgh in 1853, and entered the brick business. He was vice-president of the City Deposit Bank, East Liberty. He was senior elder of the Second United Presbyterian Church. His widow, Mrs. Mary A. Blair; four daughters—Mrs. William A. Smith, MARY, NANCY B. and HELEN BLAIR; three brothers—ROBERT BLAIR of California, EDWARD and WILLIAM BLAIR of Pittsburgh; and one sister, Miss MARGARET BLAIR survive.—From Mrs. Moore's clippings showing date of death as April 19, 1914.

BLAIR OF INCHYRA

"Gentry sent to the market winna buy a peck o' meal."—Scotch Proverb.

SIR THOMAS BLAIR of Balthyock, the XVth generation of that ancient family, in a direct male line, married Margaret, daughter of sir John Aiton of that ilk, by whom he had a numerous issue. (1) Sir ALEXANDER, his successor, who carried on the line of the house of Balthyock; (2) ANDREW, the first of this family, to whom and his issue we confine this genealogy.

I. ANDREW BLAIR, second son of sir THOMAS of Balthyock, lived in the reigns of king Charles I. and II. and King James VII. He obtained from his father in patrimony, the lands and barony of Inchyra in Perthshire, which became the title of his family. He was a great loyalist, and accompanied king Charles II. to the unhappy battle of Worcester anno 1651, but had the good fortune to make his escape, and lived retired till the restoration.

He got a charter under the great seal, "Andreae Blair fratri germano domini Alexandri Blair de Balthyock, terrarum baroniae de Inychiriff, etc., unit. etc." dated 3d March 1662. He got also another charter from king Charles II. of the lands of Argeith in Perthshire, dated 5th March 1663.

He married Isabel, daughter and heiress of ..... Bower of Innerighty, by Margaret his wife, daughter of sir David Balfour of Forret, one of the senators of the college of justice, and a lord of justiciary. By her he had many children, but only two sons and five daughters survived; 1. ALEXANDER his heir; 2. JOHN, of whom more hereafter; 1. Daughter MAJORY, married to James Graham of Benchill; 2. ANNE, married to the reverend Mr. David Anderson, a clergyman of the episcopal church, and had issue; 3. ELIZABETH, married to ..... Bower, merchant in Dundee, and had issue; 4. HELEN, married to ..... Hay, surgeon in Perth, and had issue; 5. JEAN, died unmarried.

He died in an advanced age, anno 1693, and was succeeded by his eldest son,

II. ALEXANDER BLAIR, second baron of Inchyra, who married Anne, daughter of the reverend Mr. James Carnegy, a minister of the episcopal church, and a son of ..... Carnegy of Cookston, by whom he had six sons and eight daughters; 1. THOMAS, died in infancy; 2. ALEXANDER, died in the East India company's service, anno 1737, without issue; 3. JAMES, ...; 4. JOHN, both died young; 5. A second JOHN, an eminent surgeon in Jamaica, where he acquired a considerable fortune. He returned to Scotland, and died without issue, anno 1736. 6. ANDREW, bred to the sea, died in India, anno 1738; 1. daughter, ISABEL, died unmarried; 2. MARJORY; 3. MARGARET,—4 HELEN, both died unmarried; 5. ANNE, married first to Robert Tyrie of Busbie, Esq.; 2dly to JOHN BLAIR, Esq., writer in Edinburgh, without issue; 6. GRIZEL, died young.

* 7. A second ISABEL, married to the reverend Mr. Thomas Beatt, a clergyman of the episcopal church; 8. JACOBINA, who died unmarried, anno 1758.

ALEXANDER died in 1748, and had then four surviving daughters, who became his heirs portioners, viz.:

III. MARJORY, 2nd daughter, ANNE, the 5th, ISABEL the 7th, and JACOBINA the 8th, all above-named. We now return to

II. JOHN BLAIR Esq., second son of ANDREW first baron of Inchyra, before-mentioned. He went to Jamaica where he acquired a handsome fortune, and became one of the most considerable men in that island, a colonel of the militia, etc.

He married Elizabeth, daughter of colonel ..... Pryce, a wealthy planter in that colony, by whom he had one son, JOHN, his heir,—and four daughters; 1. CHRISTIAN; 2. ELIZABETH; 3. ANNE; all died unmarried; 4. FRANCES, married to John Askew, Esq. He died anno 1729, and was succeeded by his son,

III. JOHN BLAIR, Esq., who died anno 1742, having married ....., by whom he had a son and heir,

IV. CHARLES BLAIR, Esq., who now resides in England, and married lady Mary Fane, daughter of the Earl of Westmoreland, etc.

ARMS: The same with Balthyock, with a mark of cadency.

CREST: A wheat sheaf.

MOTTO: Virtute tutus.

CHIEF SEAT: At Inchyra in Perthshire.

BLAIR OF GLASSCLUNE

"It's a gude tongue that says nae ill, but a better heart that thinks nane."
—Scotch Proverb.

I. GEORGE, second son of Patrick Blair of Pittendreich, was the first of this family. He was bred to business, and, by his industry and good economy, having acquired a considerable fortune, he purchased the estate of Lethindy in Perthshire. He married Eupham, daughter of Dr. BLAIR of the family of Balgillo, a clergyman in Ireland, who, having married a daughter of John Scrymgeor of Kirkton, he his wife, and said daughter Eupham, narrowly escaped the massacre in that kingdom. By her he had issue three sons and two daughters;—

1. James, his heir; 2. JOHN, of whom more afterwards; 3. PATRICK an eminent physician, first in Scotland, and afterwards at Woolcester in England. He married Isabel White. 1st daughter, MARGARET, married to the reverend Mr. Henry Chrystie, minister of the gospel at Kinross; 2. Jean, married to John Patullo of Kinnochtrie, Esq.; He was succeeded by his eldest son,

II. JAMES BLAIR, Esq., who sold his lands of Lethindy, and acquired the estate of Glassclune, which last became the chief title of his family. He married Marjory, daughter of Mr. Nathan Fife advocate, sheriff of Perth, and got a charter under the great seal, **"Jacobo Blair de Glassclune, et Marjoriae Fife ejus sponsae, terrarum baroniae de Glassclune, etc."** dated 12th August 1670. By her he had only one daughter, MARJORY, married to Hector Mackenzie, brother german of George Mackenzie of Inchulter.

JAMES dying without issue-male, was succeeded by his brother.

II. JOHN BLAIR, of Glassclune, Esq., who married Agnes, daughter of Mr. Thomas Fotheringham of Ballenden, Esq., by whom he had a son,

THOMAS, his heir,—and three daughters:—1. EUPHAM, ..., 2. MARGARET; both died unmarried. 3. AGNES, married to Captain Robert Patullo of Kinnochtrie. He was succeeded by his son,

III. THOMAS BLAIR of Glassclune, Esq., who married Isabel, daughter of George Dempster of Dunichen, by whom he had one son,

IV. GEORGE BLAIR, Esq., now representative of the family of Glassclune."
—From clippings furnished by Mrs. C. B. Blair 1928.

BLAIRS OF PITTENDRIECH

"Gie a bairn his will, and a whelp his fill, and neither will do weel."
—Old Scotch Proverb.

The immediate ancestor of this family was,

ALEXANDER BLAIR of Balthyock, the twelfth generation of that ancient family in a direct male line, who flourished in the reigns of queen Mary and King James VI. and married Elisabeth, daughter of sir Laurence Mercer of Aldie, by whom he had three sons,—1. LAURENCE, who carried on the line of the house of Balthyock; 2. THOMAS, of whom some considerable families in France of the name of BLAIR are descended; 3. PATRICK, the first of this family. Vide title BLAIR of BALTHYOCK.

I. PATRICK, third son of ALEXANDER BLAIR of Balthyock, is mentioned in a charter under the great seal, to his father, dated anno 1581. He acquired the lands and barony of Pittendriech, etc., etc., in Perthshire, which became the title of his family. He married ..... Cargill, by whom he had six sons and three daughters,—1. JOHN, his heir; 2. GEORGE, progenitor of the BLAIRS of Glassclune. Vide that title; 3. PATRICK, designed of Little-BLAIR, who was a lieutenant-colonel in

the army, and sheriff of Orkney, etc. His only daughter, MARGARET, was married to JAMES BLAIR of Ardblair; 4. LAURENCE, of whom there is no succession; 5. Mr. DONALD, a clergyman of the episcopal church. 6. JAMES, who married and had issue; 1st daughter, JEAN, married, 1st to major Scrymgeour of Fardle, without issue; 2dly to JOHN BLAIR of Balude, and had issue; 2. MARGARET, married to Mr. John Strachen, minister of the Kirkton of Lethindy; 3. JEAN, married to ..... Eccles, and had issue.

He was succeeded by his eldest son,

II. JOHN BLAIR, Esq., second baron of Pittendriech, who married JEAN, daughter of sir JOHN BLAIR of Balgillo, by whom he had issue four sons, 1. JOHN, his heir; 2. JAMES, who was a captain in the army in the service of the states general; 3. Mr. .....,a minister at Kilspindy, who married and had issue; 4. PATRICK ....., 1613. He got a charter under the great seal, from King Charles I. **"Johanni Blair de Pittendriech, et Johanni suo filio et haerdi apparenti, terrarum dominicalium de Lethindy, etc."** in Perthshire, dated 23rd June 1638.

He was succeeded by his eldest son,

III. JOHN BLAIR of Pittendriech and Lethindy, who married Helen Drummond, descended of that antient family of Culquhalzie, by whom he had two sons, 1. JOHN, his heir; 2. ALEXANDER, who, being bred a surgeon, went to Jamaica, where he settled and acquired a considerable fortune. He had a son JOHN, who also left a son, JOHN, and a daughter, both now alive.

JOHN of PITTENDRIECH alienated the greatest part of his paternal estate, and his eldest son,

IV. JOHN BLAIR, Esq., having applied himself to the study of medicine, became one of the most eminent physicians of his time, and acquired the estate of Balmyle in Perthshire. He married Grisel, daughter of Mr. James Main, merchant, and one of the chief magistrates of Dundee, by whom he had two sons and one daughter; 1. JOHN, his apparent heir; 2. ALEXANDER, of whom afterwards. His daughter, HELEN, was married to Dr. JOHN BLAIR of Balmyle, was also a physician of good repute, but dying without issue, the representation devolved upon his brother,

V. ALEXANDER BLAIR, Esq., who is undoubted male representative of the BLAIRS OF PITTENDRIECH, and now resides in France. He married Margaret, daughter of Alexander Colville of Kincardine, Esq.; and sister-german of John third lord Colville of Culross, by whom he hath a son,

ALEXANDER, his apparent heir."

—From clippings furnished by Mrs. C. B. Blair.

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BLAIR VITAL STATISTICS

"Happy he whom neither wealth nor fashion, Nor the encroaching city, Drives an exile from the earth of his ancestral homestead."—Selected.

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BORN—To Newton Melville Forsythe and his wife HARRIET BLAIR, at No. 2710 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, on July 24, 1928, a daughter, EMILY BLAIR FORSYTHE. This little lady is the first grandchild of HARRY WALLACE BLAIR and his wife Emily Newell. Her great aunt E. B. Wall is her proud relative.

DIED—Mrs. CATHERINE MALINDA FRIZZELL, June ..... 1929 at Beech Grove, Tennessee. She was a daughter of ROBERT DOAK BLAIR and his wife Sarah Ann Dillard; and was the grand-daughter of THOMAS BLAIR and his wife Eleanor Doak. Surviving her are—her husband, Jesse E. Frizzell; a daughter, Lucile Frizzel Jacobs and six grandchildren. She suffered a long and painful illness. She was a cousin of two of our members—Mrs. Alice Blair Andrews and Miss Bobbie Clack.

DIED—Mrs. Eva E., widow of Dr. WILLIAM H. BLAIR, late of Erie, Pa., deceased, on May 16, 1929, in Johnstown, Pa. Burial was in Jamestown, Pa. She was the mother of WALTER G. BLAIR, of Clearwater, Florida, and of Mrs. John C. McElhaney, of Erie, Pa. These BLAIRS are of the Crawford County, Pa. lines.

MARRIED—CHARLES SCOFIELD BLAIR and Miss Marion Bissell, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sears Bissell, of Berkeley, California, on August 7, 1929

They will be at home at Graymont Heights, Birmingham, Alabama, after September 15. Mr. BLAIR is associated with the T. C. I. Co., of Birmingham, and his bride is the younger daughter of her parents; a graduate of Smith College; with the degree of M. A. from Radcliffe College; and later, traveling in Europe, she spent much time in the study of languages. Her sister, Hortense Bissell, is the wife of Dr. Ralph Eaton of Cambridge, Mass., where he holds a chair in Harvard University.—From Dr. J. H. B. Hall.

DIED—Dr. E..... K..... BLAIR, at his home on Green Street, Fayetteville Tennessee, Monday morning, March 25, 1929, aged 62 years. He was born and reared in Lincoln county, near Molino; went to Vanderbilt University for his medical course, and to Tulane for a post-graduate course. He had a very large and lucrative practice in medicine; was a member of the Methodist church, having served for many years as a steward. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters: REUBEN BLAIR, of Madison, Wisc.; HAROLD BLAIR, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. Merlin Moody, of Nashville, Tenn.; and Miss JEAN BLAIR. He also left two sisters Mrs. Rufus Smith, of Coldwater, and Mrs. G. W. Stephenson, of Manchester. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. J..... T..... BLAIR, of Nashville, Tenn., October 7, 1928, a son, ROGER BLAIR.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. FRANK BLAIR, of Nashville, Tenn., March 13, 1929, a daughter, MARGARET E. BLAIR.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. EDGAR BLAIR, of Nashville, Tenn., August 9, 1928, a daughter, MARGARETE MALONE BLAIR. Her mother died in giving birth.

MARRIED—Miss MARY FRANCES BLAIR and Charles G. Blackard (Judge of the Criminal Court of Davidson county, Tenn.) on June 27, 1929. She is a daughter of Mr. J..... W..... BLAIR, of the National Bureau of Education at Nashville, Tenn.

NOTE: The four foregoing births and marriage are direct descendants of "Scalped Johnny Blair" who was born in North Carolina, May 12, 1764.

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JUST OURSELVES

(Continued from Vol. i, page 120.)

"How many ages hence Shall this our lofty scene be acted over In states unborn and accents yet unknown."—Shakespeare. Julius Caesar, Act. iii.

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8. ALBERT BLAIR, Charter-Life Member No. 8, b. Oct. 16, 1840, in Kinderhook, Pike Co., Ill. After the death of his father in 1845, his mother took him to her new home near Barry, Pike Co., Ill., on the farm formerly owned by his grandfather, WILLIAM MONTGOMERY BLAIR, where he lived until grown. Here he helped his step-father, James R. Williams in the farm and orchard work, finishing in the local school, academy, 3 years at Christian University, Canton, Mo., 1 year at Phillips Academy, Exeter, N. H., 3 years at Harvard graduating in 1863; invited to become Latin tutor State Univ. of Mo., at Columbia, Mo., declined, and accepted a railroad clerkship at Macon Mo.; 1876 went to St. Louis and practiced law until 1922. Has been active in politics, 4 years chairman of Republican Co. Committee at Macon, Mo., the Republican candidate for State Senator in 1896. ..... 1896 married Mrs. Clara Urquhart Spencer, who died in ..... 1918. ..... 1923 married 2nd Mrs. Susan Norval Eddy, of Denver, Colorado, since which time he has spent most of his time in travel, having discontinued his law practice.

Son of WILLIAM BLAIR, sixth son of WILLIAM MONTGOMERY BLAIR and Martha Quiet; b. July 24, 1812; d. Feb. 19, 1845 and buried in old burying ground overlooking town of Kinderhook, Ill.; married May 1, 1835 Miss Mary Jackson, eldest daughter of Joseph Jackson, of Pleasantvale, Pike Co., Ill., who was a pioneer settler at Newton, Mass. WILLIAM had a taste for public speaking and for politics, was an

ardent Democrat, and a devoted Presbyterian. Became a party leader, twice elected to the General Assembly of Ill., and famed "the ablest presiding officer" Col. Wm. A. Richardson had ever known. They had five children: 1. SOPHIA, b. 1836; 2. EMILY, b. .....1838; 3. ALBERT, b. Oct. 16, 1840; 4. LUCINDA JANE, b. ..... 1842; and 5. ANNA, b. ..... 1844. EMILY d. in infancy; LUCINDA JANE ..... 1845; SOPHIA m. ..... 1863 Dr. John A. Thomas of Pleasant Hill, Pike County, Ill., and died ..... 1809, leaving 3 sons. ALBERT J., WILLIAM S., and CLARENCE C.; ALBERT J., died about ..... 1915 leaving a widow and child, WILLIAM S., who married and lives in St. Louis; CLARENCE, unmarried is cashier of Citizen's Bank, Pleasant Hill, Pike County, Ill., and one other who lives with the mother at El Paso, Illinois.

Gr. son of WILLIAM MONTGOMERY BLAIR, b. May 25, 1778, in Berkely Co., Va. died ..... 1845; married ..... 18.... Miss Martha Quiet, a native of Westmoreland county, Pa., who died ..... 1842.

Gr. Gr. Father—JOHN BLAIR, b. ....., d. ....., a private in Captain Hendrick's Company of riflemen from Cumberland Co., Pa., captured in the assault by Gen. Richard Montgomery on the British Fort at Quebec, Heights of Abraham, Dec. 31, 1775; taken prisoner, sent in a prison-ship to New York in 1776, with Surgeon Gibson escaped in Sept. 1776, married ..... 17.... to Susannah Ewing, named first child WILLIAM MONTGOMERY BLAIR in honor of Gen. Montgomery, served in campaign against Quebec under Gen. Benedict Arnold in a company of riflemen commanded by Gen. Daniel Morgan, being in Capt. Hendrick's company, one of three constituting the vanguard and all commanded by Morgan, lived in Berkley Co., Va., Bourbon Co., Ky., owned farm lands on Taylor's Creek in Bourbon Co., near home of James Quiet and near lands owned and occupied by another JOHN BLAIR in Fleming Co., was a surveyor, was known as "Captain JOHN BLAIR," had charge of construction of a public road from Columbus, O. to Springfield, Legislator from City of Columbus 1809-1810, Member 1st Board of Co. Commissioners of the new county of Franklin, 1804, and among the first settlers in the county of Franklin. A marble tablet containing a list of some of the pioneers of Franklin County, including the name of JOHN BLAIR, 1800. Madison Tp., has been placed in the lobby of Memorial Hall, Broad Street, Columbus, O.

Another JOHN BLAIR was the eldest son of ALEXANDER BLAIR and Elizabeth Cochran, b. in Pa. 1756; in 1776 he was a private in Capt. McLain's Co. of the 6th Pa. Batt., and took part in the Battle of "Three Rivers" in Canada, captured with others of his Co., including Col. William Irvine, sent to Quebec, held prisoner until March, 1777, and released by exchange. In July returned to Pa., re-enlisted in 7th Pa. Infantry, made 2d Lieut. in Captain Parker's Co., resigned in 1779, wounded at Battle of Three Rivers by a musket ball, after the war engaged in transporting emigrants from Fort Pitt to Limerock, Ky., later settled in Flemmingsburg, Ky. He had a brother WILLIAM BLAIR who was a soldier in the Rev. War, also against the Indians.—From Monograph, "My Blair Ancestry and Kindred," 1927, by Albert Blair, St. Louis, Mo.,

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HISTORY

"An angel took me by my trembling hand
And whispered "Fear not! All this but appears.
No mortal eye can view the promised land
Nor read aright Time's buried yester-years."
There was a sighing in the unplumbed void;
Primordial forces in the black night stirred;
Suns leaped to a splendor; startled worlds deployed
In swinging orbits at the Master's word.
Fire spat forth water and the clouds were formed;
The molten rocks were moulded into clay;
Titanic forces on the wild world stormed
In man's vast eon and God's yesterday.
Man has not thumbed one page of history.
Creation was, and is, and is to be."—Eliot Kays Stone.